

THE ANGLERS ASSISTANT

being an Epitome of the Whole Art of Angling.
Wherein is shewn, at one View, ij Harbours,
Seasons & Depths for Catching all Sorts
of Fish usually Angled for.

Also the Various Baits for each, so digested
as to contain the Substance of all ij Treatises
ever Wrote on the Subject, exempt from
their Superfluities which tend more
to perplex than Instruct.

Names	Where found.	Season	Time to Angle	Depth from Ground	Baits				Description of Proper Worms for Baits.
					Fies N. ^o	Pastes N. ^o	Worms N. ^o	Insects N. ^o	
Bream	Rough St. River or mud Pond	Up to Mich. Spring & Oct.	Touch ground		1.3	1234567		N. ^o 8	1. The Earth Bob found in sandy ground after plowing it is white bigger then a gnat with a Red Head.
Barbel	Gravel Bank in Cur. under Bridges	Up to Aug. very late	Touch ground		2		2.6.7		Another is found in sandy ground with a Black or Blue head keep them in an Earthen pot covered well & a sufficient quantity of the Mould they harbour in. They are Excellent from April to November.
Bleak	Sandy bott. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct. all Day	6 fms. f. Bott. 1.2		2		2.3.8		
Carp	still deep Mud Bott. Pond or River	May to Aug. 1. rise 9: 3 to 5 o'clock	3 fms. f. Bott. in mid water		1.3.4		12347		2. Gentles to be had from putrid flesh let them lie in heat Bran a few days before use'd.
Chub or Chevin	D.	May to Dec. D.	D.		123.4.5.	2	1.2.4.5	7.8	3. Flagworms found in Roots of flags is Pale Yellow longer & thinner then a gentle must be scow'red like them.
Dace	Sandy bott. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct. all day	6 fm. f. Bott. 1.2.3.4.5.		3.4		123456		4. Cow Turd Bob or Clap Bait found under a cow Turd from May to Mich. is like a gentle but larger keep it in its Native earth as the Earth Bob.
Gudgeon	Gravel Shoals	May to Oct. all day	near or on bott.		3.4		2.8		5. Cadis Worm or Cod Bait found under loose stones in shallow Rivers they are yellow bigger then a gentle with a black or blue head in season from April to July keep them in sand.
Pike	Near Clay Banks	all the Year	all day	Mid Water	with Strong line float & Snap hook fasten		1.2.3.4		6. Lob Worm found in gardens is very large having a Red head a streak downy back and a flat broad tail.
Pearch	River in Acre and Gravel Pond deep part Bottom	May to Aug. 1. rise 9: 3 to 5 o'clock	Mid Water		2	1	3.5.7.8	1.6	7. Marsh Worms found in Marshy Ground keep it in Mass 10 days or more before you use it. Its colour is a bluish red and is a good bait from March to Mich.
Pope	Deep holes in River	May to Oct. all day	6 fm. Bott.	5.			all		8. Brandling Red Worms or Blood Worms found in Rotten Dung hills and Tanners Bark is a small Red Worm very good for all small Fish it has sometimes a yellow tail and is call'd Tag Tail.
Roach	Sandy bott. deep River Ship Sterns *	May to Oct. all day	6 to 12 fm	1.2.4.5.	3.4		all	8	
Salmon	Deep Rivers	Mar. to Sep. 6 to 9 & 3 to 6	Mid W. to Bott. all large			1.5.6.7	1		
Smelts	Ship Sterns & Docks	Apr. to Oct. all day	Mid W. to Bott. Variable	{ all Small		1.2.5			
Trout	Purling St. & Laddies of Stony Bott. River	Mar. to Mich. all day	Old W. 6 fm. Bott. upwards	1.2.3.4.5.		22.5.6.7.8	1.8		
Tench	Mud Bott. River or Pond	all the Year	sunrise 9: 3 to sunset	Old W. 3 fm. Bott. mud Water		13.4	13.4.5.6.7		
Umber or Grayling	Clay Bott. Swift stream	all the year	all day	Old W. 6 fm. Bott. upwards	1.2.3.4.5.		12345678	1.8	

* To Fish at Sterns, let the Bait sink 2 or 3 Yards, in this a Peter-nyster line is commonly used that is 5 or 6 hooks on a line about 4 or 5 Inch. distance, Bait as above.

Fish & Insects	Pastes	Flies
1. Minnow	Take the Blood of Sheeps Heart mix it with Honey & Flower work'd to a proper consistency.	Stone Fly found under hollow Stones at the side of Rivers is of a brown Colour with Yellow streakes on the Back and Belly has large Wings in season from April to July.
2. Gudgeon	2. Take Old Cheese Grated a little Butter sufficient to work it. Colour it w ^t Saffron if in Winter use Rusty Bacon instead of Butter	2. Green Drake found among Stones by Rivers side has a Yellow Body Ribb'd with Green is long and slender his Wings like a Butter flies his Tail turns on his back from May to Midsum. is very good.
3. Roach	3. Crumbs of Bread Chen'd or Work'd with Honey & sugar, moisten it with Gum Ivy Water	3. Oak Fly found in the Body of an Old Oak or Ash with its head downwards is of a Brown Colour excellent from May to Sept. for Trout put a Cod Bait or Gentle on the point & let it sink a few Inches in Clear Water
4. Dace	4. Bread Chen'd and Works in hand till Stiff.	Palmer Fly or Worm found on leaves of Plants commonly is call'd a latter speller w ^t comes to fly is excellent for Trout
5. Smelt		5. Ant Fly found in ant hills from June to Septem.
6. Yellow Frog		
7. Snail Slit		
8. Graft hopper		

N.B. Artificial Flies resembling the Natural may be had at the Shops where Fishing Tackle is sold. Also most sorts of Worms ready Scow'red and fit for use. And they will direct what Tackle is proper for each sort of Fishing.

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